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DRAFT MEMO TO THE IAC MEMBERS

Subject: NIS Program

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marked for "standing
committee" members**Triplicate for Ad Hoc
Committee members**Copies to*

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1. Reference is made to the memorandum dated March 4 from the Director of Central Intelligence concerning the final report of the ad hoc committee on the NIS program and to the replies received from the IAC members.

2. It will be recalled that this NIS program was initiated under IAB No. 1 and has more recently been considered under NSCID No. 3. When first contemplated, it was felt strongly by most of the IAB members that such a basic intelligence effort was necessary and that a unified system would save the duplication then taking place, especially in the Military Departments.

3. The ad hoc committee has exhaustively studied this matter and has pointed out in paragraph 7f, the last paragraph of its report dated February 20, that it considers it is very important to set a date for the completion of these studies in accordance with the JCS priority list and feels that reallocation of funds and personnel should be effected to accomplish this purpose. It is a peace-time program and will provide basic data of great importance for future estimates.

4. It is hoped, therefore, that the IAC chiefs will strongly support this program in realigning personnel as may be necessary, and in real-locating funds, maybe from the recently appropriated National Defense funds or through a deficiency appropriation, since the lack of funds is an apparent block to completion of this program in at least two of the agencies. If funds and personnel are not available to start this program in the immediate future and to carry it through to completion within the next 2-4 years, it should not be undertaken at all as tardy half measures would be worse than none.

5. If necessary, it is thought that this matter should be taken up with the Secretaries of the Departments in their function as members of the National Security Council. So it is suggested that the IAC

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members meet on _____ at _____ to discuss this matter in Room

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5. ~~7~~ As suggested in some of the replies, the publishing of the JCS list in a separate supplement, for security reasons, will be effected, as well as all minor changes suggested, ~~in the replies.~~
6. However, it is thought that there should be an JAC meeting to resolve the ~~following~~ ^{two major} points raised in ^{some} the agencies' replies. So it would be appreciated ^{therefore} if the agencies ^{taking part} in this production would complete the surveys, which they have in most cases already started, to determine ① how their funds and personnel can be used or

7... If the producing agencies could complete the necessary surveys and ^{inform me} ~~telephone Executive 6115, Extension 766,~~ when they are ready to discuss the two major points in question, ~~on this subject~~ an SAC meeting will be called to determine:
1. The additional funds (not presently available to the several SAC agencies) required to implement the NIS Program
2. The target date for the completion of those NIS having JCS priorities.

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With the (2) target date for the completion of those NIS
~~with the schedule~~ as suggested in
the ~~the~~ Ad Hoc Committee Report.

It will also be necessary
to decide on the allocation of
work that mutually concerns
the Air Force and Navy.